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Meeting in Clearwater
August 2, 1962

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, who acted as Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; and Superintendent of Public Instruction Floyd T. Christian. Also present: Mr. Brady O. Smith, Marriage and Family Counselor, who acted for Dr. Finck.

The minutes of the June 11 meeting were accepted as distributed.

MOTION
Approval of Checks
as listed

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: checks #8405 through #8445 dated June 29; check #8446 dated July 2; checks #8447 through #8475 dated July 31; and checks #8476 and #8477 dated August 1, 1962.

The financial reports for the months of June and July were reviewed by the Board and filed as approved. Mr. Smith reported that Mr. Bonsey's suggestion of the possibility of investing funds on a monthly basis had been explored. It was learned that funds could not be invested for a period of less than 90 days.

The reports of children in foster care for the months of May and June were reviewed by the Board.

There was discussion by the Board members of the Juvenile Court Judge's length of term, and considerable uncertainty as to when this term ends. As this involves a change in Board membership, it was requested by the Board that Mr. Cooperman be asked to study the law and advise the Board.

MOTION
Request of State Department of Public Welfare for continued use of Foster Care Funds for Two Children

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request of the State Department of Public Welfare for the continued use of foster care funds for Derrick and David Scott. The Board felt that the value of foster care was indicated by the fact that these boys seemed to have done well in foster home care and one is interested in entering college.

MOTION
Request of Family and Children's Service for use of Foster Care Funds for Two Hard-to-Place Children

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request of Family and Children's Service for use of Foster Care funds for Jerry Tennyson and Shawn Simpson. These children, because of medical problems, are considered by that agency to be hard-to-place. This decision is in line with a proposal in June that foster care funds could be used for children who are difficult to place for adoption. Mr. Christian raised the question as to whether Board approval would be needed for each specific child, and it was suggested that Dr. Finck could approve these as the request is made by Family and Children's Service.

Mr. Smith announced that Mr. Charles D. Mann, social worker, had been appointed to the State Department of Public Welfare beginning June 15, 1962 as a result of a motion at the June meeting to approve the use of foster care funds for administrative purposes. Mr. Mann will be working directly in the Child Welfare Unit of the State Department of Public Welfare in the foster care program.

Mr. Smith also announced that Mr. Rex Hitchcock, psychologist, had been appointed to the Child Guidance Clinic staff on August 1, 1962. Mr. Hitchcock will fill a position which was added to the 1961-62 Budget and has not been previously filled.

The activities reports for the months of June and July were reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Smith reported on the Marriage and Family Counseling group programs now being carried out. He gave some figures for the number of group sessions, the average number of people attending, their average age, and the length of time that they have been married. He reported that these group sessions have appeared to be very beneficial to those who attend. There are some differences between this type of group and the Florence Crittenton Home group, which has been under way for approximately two and a half years.

The Board discussed the September meeting. Because of the difficulty in locating a place for the August meeting, Mr. Christian invited the group to meet at his office on September 6th at 9:30 A.M.

There was no further business and the meeting was then adjourned.

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Secretary pro tem